



## Litter Box Training Your Pup

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Even puppies as young as three weeks will try to sleep in one part of their whelping area and pee or poop in another. Since you are using their natural instincts, you are more facilitating than training.

There are many brands of puppy litter boxes, just make sure it is low enough (three inches) on one side and many brands of litter/pellets like Second Nature and So Phresh.

### **GETTING STARTED**

As soon as pups are able to crawl/wobble walk usually three-four weeks, place clean towels or bedding in one side of the whelping area and litter box with pellets in the other.

### **INITIAL TRAINING**

Whenever pups wake up from a nap or after a meal place them on the pellets to pee/poop. Litter box must be adjacent to sleeping/bedding area. Within a week bedding and playing area can expand with litter box being in a corner.

### **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

Keep bedding clean. If pups are sleeping in the pellets and peeing on the bedding, the bedding needs more frequent cleaning and leave a little peed on litter in the box. If, there are accidents you may need to go back to a smaller area with the box once again closer to bedding.

## **YOUR JOB NOW**

Mom will probably stop cleaning up after the pups once they are using the litter box. So, pick up any poops as soon as you can and change the litter as needed. Sometimes accidents are because the litter box was too "stinky".

**FREEDOM & REINFORCEMENT:** Once each puppy has peed, you can bring them out into other areas in your home to play...even on carpets. After about ten minutes of play, you can put them back into the litter box and if/when they pee, they get to come out of their area and play more.

## **TRANSITION TO OUTSIDE**

Place the litter box near a door you want the puppy to go out from. When you see puppy going to the box take them out. Eventually you could even put the box just outside the door. Soon, you won't need it.

## **BENEFITS OF LITTER BOX TRAINING**

- Easy clean up, less mess, less smell
- Can bring litter box with you...even hotels
- Puppies can play in more rooms of your house
- No need to go outside when its freezing or raining
- New puppy families will be thrilled
- Makes housebreaking to outdoors so much easier